



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of Communications and Engagement

Woodrow Wilson High School

Renaming FAQ

Q: Will DCPS also be changing the school's mascot and colors?

A: There are no plans to change the school's mascot or colors.

Q: When will the name change take effect?

A: The Chancellor and Mayor are expected to propose a new name by the end of the calendar year. For the new name to become official, it must go through DC Council approval and be funded. There is no specific timetable at this point for that Council approval process.

Q: There is a cost associated with changing the name. Where does that funding come from?

A: A name change requires DC Council approval, at which point funding would be identified for the change to become final. Funding associated with the name change would be separate from the school's regular annual budget allocation.

Q: The nominations form specifies that "The individual must not be a living person and must have been deceased for at least two (2) years, unless the deceased person was a President or Vice President of the United States, a United States Senator or Representative, a Mayor of the District of Columbia, or a member of the Council of the District of Columbia." Why?

A: This is a requirement under DC Code §9–204.05 regarding the naming of all public spaces in the District of Columbia.

Q: Does the school have to be named after an individual?

A: No. For example, Eastern High School in Ward 6 is not named after an individual.